

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 8, 9 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

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Please amend claims 1, 11, 12 and 21 and add new claims 25 and 26 as follows (deletions are enclosed in brackets, additions are underlined):

1. (Amended) A transferable binding apparatus, comprising:

a ship mechanism;
a binding mechanism affixed to said ship mechanism;
a dock mechanism adapted to attach to a ski and adapted to receive said ship mechanism; and
an attaching mechanism adapted to attach said dock mechanism to said ship mechanism;
wherein said binding mechanism comprises a safety-release binding independently controlling engagement and disengagement of a boot into and out of the transferable binding apparatus without adjustment of said ship mechanism or said dock mechanism.

11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [10] 1, wherein said binding mechanism is permanently attached to said ship mechanism at the time of manufacture.

12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [11] 1, wherein said binding mechanism is attached to said ship mechanism at the direction of the user.

21. (Amended) A method for transferring a binding, comprising the steps of:
affixing a binding mechanism to a ship mechanism;
affixing a dock mechanism to a ski; [and]
inserting said ship mechanism into said dock mechanism; and
attaching said ship mechanism to said dock mechanism;
wherein said binding mechanism comprises a safety-release binding
independently controlling engagement and disengagement of a boot into and out of the
transferable binding apparatus without adjustment of said ship mechanism or said dock
mechanism.

25. (New Claim) A transferable binding system, comprising:
a ship mechanism;
a binding mechanism affixed to said ship mechanism;
at least two dock mechanisms attached to at least two skis, each of said dock mechanisms being adapted to receive said ship mechanism; and
at least two attaching mechanisms for attaching said dock mechanisms to said ship mechanism;
wherein said ship mechanism is dimensioned and arranged to be inserted interchangeably into said at least two dock mechanisms.

26. (New Claim) A transferable binding system, comprising:
at least two ship mechanisms;
at least two binding mechanisms affixed to said at least two ship mechanisms;
a dock mechanism adapted to attach to a ski and to receive said ship mechanisms;
and
an attaching mechanism adapted to attach said dock mechanism to either of said ship mechanisms;
wherein said dock mechanism is dimensioned and arranged to receive interchangeably either of said ship mechanisms.

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1. A transferable binding apparatus, comprising:
 - a ship mechanism;
 - a binding mechanism affixed to said ship mechanism;
 - a dock mechanism adapted to attach to a ski and adapted to receive said ship mechanism; and
 - an attaching mechanism adapted to attach said dock mechanism to said ship mechanism;wherein said binding mechanism comprises a safety-release binding independently controlling engagement and disengagement of a boot into and out of the transferable binding apparatus without adjustment of said ship mechanism or said dock mechanism.
 2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said attaching mechanism is selected from the group consisting of: screws and wing-nuts.
 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said attaching mechanism comprises a releasable spring-loaded assembly.
 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is permanently attached to the ski at the time of manufacture.
 5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is obtained separately from the ski and attached at the direction of the user.
 7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said dock mechanism is adapted in a pocket configuration with at least one open side to receive said ship mechanism and said ship mechanism is adapted to be inserted into said at least one open side of the pocket configuration.

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11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said binding mechanism is permanently attached to said ship mechanism at the time of manufacture.

12. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said binding mechanism is attached to said ship mechanism at the direction of the user.

19. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said binding mechanism is selected from the group consisting of: an alpine ski binding mechanism, a telemark ski binding mechanism, and a cross-country ski binding mechanism.

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21. A method for transferring a binding, comprising the steps of:
affixing a binding mechanism to a ship mechanism;
affixing a dock mechanism to a ski;
inserting said ship mechanism into said dock mechanism; and
attaching said ship mechanism to said dock mechanism;
wherein said binding mechanism comprises a safety-release binding independently controlling engagement and disengagement of a boot into and out of the transferable binding apparatus without adjustment of said ship mechanism or said dock mechanism.

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25. A transferable binding system, comprising:
a ship mechanism;
a binding mechanism affixed to said ship mechanism;
at least two dock mechanisms attached to at least two skis, each of said dock mechanisms being adapted to receive said ship mechanism; and
at least two attaching mechanisms for attaching said dock mechanisms to said ship mechanism;
wherein said ship mechanism is dimensioned and arranged to be inserted interchangeably into said at least two dock mechanisms.

26. A transferable binding system, comprising:

at least two ship mechanisms;

at least two binding mechanisms affixed to said at least two ship mechanisms;

a dock mechanism adapted to attach to a ski and to receive said ship mechanisms;

and

an attaching mechanism adapted to attach said dock mechanism to either of said ship mechanisms;

wherein said dock mechanism is dimensioned and arranged to receive interchangeably either of said ship mechanisms.
